furnished by Ministry of Food Processing Industries, no proposal is pending with them for treating a particular activity as agro-based industry.

Deviation from the DPE Guidelines

909.SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the HIL management has deviated from the DPE guidelines in the matter of lower level officers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor/

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Enhancement of Job Reservations for SCs and STs

910.SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to enhance reservations for SCs and STs in the Central Government jobs;

(b) if so, when the reservation parcentage was fixed for SCs and STs in Government jobs; and

(c) whether there is any proposal with Government to reserve 30% of Central Government jobs for ladies?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) In view of the 50% ceiling on reservation, no proposal for enhancement of the percentage reserved for SCs and STs is under consideration.

(b) Percentage of reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes were fixed @ 12.5% and 5% respectively vide Ministry of Home Affairs Resolution No. 42/21/49 NGS dated 13.9.1950 and revised @ 15% and 7.5% respectively vide Ministry of Home Affairs Resolution No. 27/25/68-Estt. (SCT) dated 25.3.1970.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Funds Spent on Publicity

911.SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds spent on publicity in 1995-96 by Government to high-light policies and achievements by Rural Development Ministry; and

(b) the details of sector-wise spending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAM BHAI H. PATEL): (a) An amount of Rs. 1382.96 lakhs (one thousand three hundred eighty two lakhs and ninety six thousand) has been spent during 1995-96 for making people aware of the programmes of this Ministry and to activate target groups for taking benefits from the programme meant for them.

(b) A Statement showing the details of sector-wise release of funds is given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Details of Sector-wise Release of funds by the Ministry of Rural Areas & Employment During 1995-96

	Sector	Amount Released (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Advertisements through Directorate of Advertising & Publicity (DAVP)	23.34
2.	Films produced by the Ministry	11.73
3.	Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Campaign through District Rural Development Agencies	26.50